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MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

1. UNDER THE HEADLINE "VANCE COMING TO MIDDLE EAST FOR
TALKS AT THE END OF JUNE" YEDIOT AHARONOT OF APRIL 18
PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY WELL-INFORMED
COMMENTATOR ARYE TZIMUKI:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CYRUS
VANCE, WILL VISIT THIS PART OF THE WORLD AT THE END
OF JUNE, OPENING A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE GOAL
OF CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE AUTUMN. HE
WILL ALSO AIM AT ENSURING THAT THE POLITICAL MOMENTUM
IN THE REGION IS ACCELERATED. IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY,
SECRETARY VANCE WILL MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
YIGAL ALLON IN LONDON TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE
"FIRST ROUND" AND MORE ESPECIALLY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S
TALKS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST LEADERS. MR. VANCE
WILL ALSO TELL MR. ALLON OF HIS MEETINGS WITH
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HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, ANDREI GROMYKO, IN GENEVA.

3. IN YESTERDAY'S CABINET SESSION, PRIME MINISTER
RABIN NOTED THAT THE EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT AN OVERALL
--AND NOT A PARTIAL--SOLUTION WOULD NO DOUBT RESULT
IN SHARPENING THE US AND ISRAELI STANDS. HE
STATED THAT THE POSSIBILITY SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED

THAT WASHINGTON WOULD COMPLY WITH EGYPT'S REQUESTS
FOR AMERICAN ARMS. END TEXT

4. REGARDING THE LATTER POINT, THE CABINET
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 17 AFTER THE CABINET'S
WEEKLY MEETING INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY
OF HIS REMARKS TO THE CABINET BY PRIME MINISTER
RABIN REGARDING THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY
PRESIDENT SADAT: "WITH REFERENCE TO THE
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE
PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT INFORMATION WAS STILL
PARTIAL--AND THAT WHEN ACCREDITED INFORMATION
WAS RECEIVED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BRING IT
TO THE CABINET'S ATTENTION. THE PRIME MINISTER
STATED THAT DURING THE VISIT, PRESIDENT SADAT
HAD RAISED A NEW ANGLE OF EGYPT'S POLICY, TO WIT,
ACTIVE EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE EFFORT TO
CHECK A SOVIET TAKEOVER IN CERTAIN AFRICAN
STATES--WHEREAS A FEW YEARS AGO, AS WILL BE
RECALLED, EGYPT PLAYED AN ANTI-WESTERN ROLE
IN VARIOUS PARTS OF AFRICA. THIS TURNABOUT
IS TANTAMOUNT TO A NEW ASPECT IN EGYPTIAN-
US RELATIONS. IT IS TOO EARLY TO EVALUATE
THE POSSIBLE REFLECTIONS ON THIS NEW EGYPTIAN POLICY."
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